

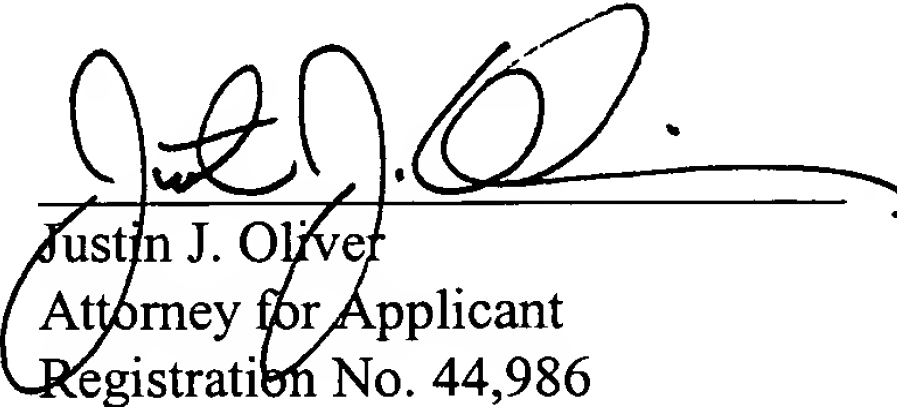
REMARKS

Claims 4-13 and 15-17 remain pending in this application, with Claims 12 and 13 being independent. By this Amendment, Claims 12 and 13 have been amended.

Applicant submits that this application is allowable for the reasons set forth in the Amendment filed on August 21, 2003.

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